

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 659

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Soddy-Daisy High School Lady Trojans on winning the 2007 TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy-Daisy High School Lady Trojans achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007 season, winning the TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship, the State's highest level of high school softball competition; and

WHEREAS, continuing a tradition of excellence, the Lady Trojans of Soddy-Daisy High School compiled a phenomenal season record of 47-4 as they marched their way into their fourth straight state tournament championship game and once again claimed the title to achieve back-to-back championships; and

WHEREAS, surprising no one by going undefeated through this year's state tournament run, the Lady Trojans have dominated their opponents over the last four years, posting an incredible record of 187-20; seven Soddy-Daisy players earned collegiate athletic scholarships this season alone; and

WHEREAS, state championships are won only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the Lady Trojans exhibited each of these rare qualities during their 2007 championship season; and

WHEREAS, cultivating the talent of each of his players, Head Coach Clifford Kirk enjoyed the help of Assistant Coaches Wes Skiles and Lamar Lasley in guiding this exemplary team as they matured into state champions; and

WHEREAS, during his 17-year tenure, Coach Kirk has helped Soddy Daisy bring home six state championships, and win ten consecutive district championships and nine regional titles; he also won two state championships at Hixson High; and

WHEREAS, the softball players of Soddy-Daisy High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the school's student body and united the entire community during their triumphal run through the 2007 season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans of Soddy-Daisy are seniors, Halley Sims, Nikki Waters, Emily Hutchins, Amanda Johnson, Katie Blevins, Lyndsey Stiles, Jessica Huffman, Megan Walker, and Stacey Fairbanks; juniors, Jena Hale and Caitlin Holcomb; sophomores, Ashlee England, Alesha Buckner, Whitney Johnson, and Ali Jo Winslett; and freshmen, Shelby Garren, Andie Johnson, Brooke Ward, and Taylor Wilson; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship softball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Soddy-Daisy High School Lady Trojans for winning the 2007 TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Clifford Kirk and the Soddy-Daisy High School Lady Trojans on their remarkable 2007 season and State Championship Tournament victory. In becoming TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Champions, the Lady Trojans have proven themselves to be exemplary and capable young women who are worthy of this General Assembly's accolades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

